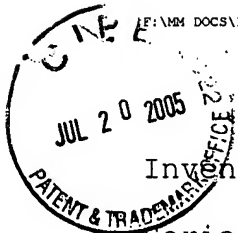


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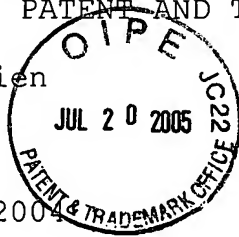
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**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed on June 30, 2005, the Applicant hereby elects Claims 1-18 for examination, identified by the Examiner as Group II, without traverse. In addition, the Applicant hereby elects claim 18, identified by the Examiner as Species 6, without traverse.

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